

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE CABINET

GENERAL REPORT

1. The Executive Cabinet has only met once on 23 June 2011 since the last ordinary Council meeting held on 4 April 2011. This report summarises briefly the principal items considered and decisions taken at that meeting. The Cabinet's recommendations on the reports that require Council decisions appear as separate items on the agenda.

Meeting held on 23 June 2011

Chorley Pals – Heritage Lottery Funding Bid

2. We received a report of the Director of People and Places providing details of the Chorley Pals Memorial Trusts funding bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund, with specific details of the projects that involved Chorley assets. There had been extensive consultation between the Trust and relevant officers of the Council.
3. The Remembrance Project had a number of strands:
 - Enhancement to the Chorley Cenotaph
 - Remedial works to the Memorial Arch at the Queens Road entrance to Astley Park
 - Expansion and enhancement to the Memorial Room at Astley Hall
 - Enhancements to the Chorley Pals Memorial Statue
 - Chorley Remembers website
 - Education and community initiatives, for example Chorley Remembers Months
4. The proposed enhancement work to the Chorley Cenotaph would mean the repositioning of the Falkland Stone. Any decision to relocate the Stone would be subject to further consultation with the various stakeholders and with this in mind we supported the application and approved the inclusion of the Council's assets named within the project.

Principal Area Boundary Review – Buckshaw

5. We received a report of the Chief Executive informing us that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England had indicated a possible Principal Boundary Review to be undertaken of the boundary between Chorley and South Ribble Councils regarding the Buckshaw Village development.
6. The boundary between South Ribble and Chorley Council's goes through existing residential development. It was explained that there are currently around 1200 completed housing units on the Chorley part of Buckshaw, along with significant commercial development. Further development is planned in future years, with most planned to be on the Chorley side of Buckshaw Village.
7. Upon receipt of confirmation from the Local Government Boundary Commission that a boundary review will take place, it was agreed that an all party group would be set up to formulate the Council's position.

8. The Leader was asked to consider single member wards across the Authority and it was agreed that this would be discussed at the next Leaders Liaison meeting.
9. We approved the recommendation for Council to agree in principle that the area of Buckshaw Village should be located entirely in one authority and for this to be confirmed to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. Approval was also given for discussions to continue with South Ribble Borough Council and we noted that the Community Governance Boundary Review would be paused to enable the Council to consider its position.

Grant of new sub-lease of land at Chisnall Lane, Coppull from Chorley Council to Chorley Panthers ARLFC

10. The Director of Transformation presented a report seeking approval for the terms agreed for the granting of a 25 year sub-lease with the opportunity to extend for a further 25 years to Chorley Panthers ARLFC on land at Chisnall Lane, Coppull. It also sought approval for consent to improve and alter a number of facilities that were listed in the report.
11. We approved the terms for the surrender of the existing sub-lease dated 5 February 2004, the granting of a new sub-lease and consented to the alterations and improvements to the named facilities. Liberata Property Services were also authorised to instruct the Head of Governance to proceed with the drafting of the surrender and new sub-lease.

Chorley Council Forth Quarter Performance Report 2010/11

12. We considered a report of the Chief Executive setting out the Authority's performance in respect of the key projects included in the Corporate Strategy and key performance indicators during the fourth quarter of 2010/11.
13. The report revealed excellent performance with the vast majority of projects either on track, completed or scheduled to start later in the year. Of the two projects currently rated amber, one would now be completed in the original timescales, with the other set to be completed by the end of the second quarter.
14. Performance on the key performance indicators is strong, with 95% of the measures performing above target or within the 5% tolerance and it was explained what measures had been put into place to improve on the performance of the three key service delivery measures that are currently below target.

Chorley Partnership Annual Report 2010/11

15. The Chief Executive presented a report on the activities and performance of the Chorley Partnership in 2010/11. The report commented particularly on the progress and impact of the Local Strategic Partnership sponsored projects and how they contribute to the achievement of the refreshed Sustainable Community Strategy.

16. The Executive Member (Policy and Performance) highlighted the following significant statistics and trends revealed in the report:
- Crime is down overall by 1.7% compared to 2009/10.
 - The rate of alcohol admissions has reduced and is lower than the North West average.
 - 67 new business start-ups are recorded against a target figure of 53.

Provisional Revenue Outturn 2010/11

17. We considered a report of the Director of Transformation that set out the provisional revenue outturn figures for the Council as compared against the budgets and efficiency savings targets it set itself for the year 2010/11.
18. The accounts are provisional and subject to final checking and scrutiny by the Council's external auditor and any significant changes as a result of process would be brought back to a future Cabinet meeting. Further details would be presented to the Audit Committee at the end of June when they considered the Council's statement of accounts.
19. Further savings in addition to the £360,000 in the original budget have been achieved and have helped to offset one-off costs associated with recent directorate restructures. The provisional outturn shows that the initial net expenditure at the end of the year to be below budget. However, the figure includes underspends to the value of £169,000 on committed items where slippage requests have been received to carry forward resources to 2011/12.
20. It was also reported that the level of working balances has exceeded the minimum £2.0m proposed at 31 March 2011 by £77,000, putting the Council in a positive position for the start of the next financial period.
21. We approved the slippage requests outlined in the report, including those relating to S106 funding for Play and Recreation Schemes and approved the transfer of available funds to a specific reserve to fund one-off costs associated with achieving the objectives of the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Treasury Management Annual Report 2010/11

22. The Director of Transformation presented an outturn report that was the last of the three treasury reports to have been received by the Executive Cabinet during 2010/11, allowing us to scrutinise treasury policy and activity.
23. The report advised that Prudential and Treasury Indicators have been complied with and that the return on investments totalled 0.65% which have exceeded the benchmark of 0.43%. The report also gave details of borrowings and the updated situation with regard to Icelandic investments.

Joint Insurance Procurement Tender Exercise In Collaboration with South Ribble Borough Council

24. The Executive Cabinet received a report of the Director of Transformation requesting approval to undertake a joint procurement exercise with South Ribble Borough Council for the renewal of the current insurance covers in place at both Councils under existing Long Term agreements that will expire on 31 December 2011.
25. The joint insurance tender will be a key project in the Shared Financial Assurance Services, Business Improvement Plan that has been agreed by the Shared Services Joint Committee and the report summarised the approach for the tender, together with the evaluation procedure and criteria to be applied.
26. We granted approval for South Ribble Borough Council to act as the lead body for the joint procurement and to conduct the exercise in compliance with its Contract Procedure Rules and Procurement Guidance against the procedure and evaluation criteria set out in the report.

Proposed New Senior Management Structure

27. We considered a confidential report of the Chief Executive on a proposed senior management structure for Chorley Council. The report outlined the constitutional process for the appointment of a new Chief Executive and outlined a proposed management structure that would reduce costs given the current financial position and the requirement for all public sector organisations to make savings.
28. We approved the new senior management structure and internal appointment process for the appointment of a new Chief Executive that would result in a saving of £100,000, along with the commissioning of North West Employers to facilitate the politically balanced Chief Officer Appointment Panel meeting on 1 July 2011.
29. We also approved that members of the Cabinet would agree the proposed final salary of the Chief Executive following a review and that the amount (to be no more than the amount of £110,000) be confirmed to any applicants before 1 July 2011.

2010/11 Year End Progress Report on the Performance of Key Partnerships

30. We received and considered a confidential report on the performance of the Council's key partnership arrangements. The report is produced in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Framework for Partnership Working and any performance or risk issues identified were drawn to our attention.
31. We accepted the report and approved effective exit and risk management arrangements to be put in place for the existing Chorley Community Housing partnership agreement which is due to expire on 31 March 2012.

Executive Response to Overview and Scrutiny Review of Accommodation Assets

32. We received a confidential report of the Director of Transformation outlining a suggested response to the Overview and Scrutiny review of accommodation assets. The report outlined each recommendation and contained a suggested response to each recommendation.
33. The Executive Leader thanked the Task Group for their work and endorsed the response. The Cabinet also noted that a separate inquiry was taking place to look at ways of maximising the usage of the Lancastrian Room at the Town Hall, as a result of this review.

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Executive Leader

There are no background papers to this report.

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